

HB 665 -- DENTAL FACULTY PERMIT

SPONSOR: Walker (3)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 9 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill creates a dental faculty permit system to be implemented and enforced by the Missouri Dental Board. Under this bill, the holder of a dental faculty permit will be authorized to practice dentistry without a license but only within the course of teaching as part of an accredited dental school program. The holder of a dental faculty permit will not be able to receive any fee or compensation for the practice of dentistry except salary or benefits received as part of his or her employment with the Missouri dental school, college, or program.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the current licensure requirements are too restrictive. It is hard for dental schools to recruit qualified specialists to teach in Missouri.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Walker; Matt Heeren, A. T. Still University; and Marsha Pyle, University of Missouri, Kansas City.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.